

REPORT BY THE LEADER ON THE WORK OF THE POLICY AND RESOURCES COMMITTEE

The attention of Members is drawn to the following items which have been discussed by the Policy and Resources Committee since the last ordinary meeting of the Council:-

POLICY AND RESOURCES COMMITTEE 21st JULY, 2022

- **Planning Application**

We refused 22/0197/FUL for a residential development of 79 dwellings on land to the North East of St. Thomas Church, Wheatley Lane Road, Barrowford.

- **New Cemetery for Nelson and Brierfield**

The Committee approved the purchase price of £84,000 plus the County Council fees of £10,000 plus Land Registry fees and stamp duty of £31,600; we noted a provisional estimate of £500,000 needed for the various works required to be carried out on the site; the Environmental Services Manager has been authorised to submit a planning application and we agreed that a bid be submitted to the capital programme.

- **Treasury Management Outturn 2021/22**

We noted the Council's Treasury Management Outturn position for 2021/22.

- **£150 Energy Rebate Discretionary Scheme**

It was agreed that a payment of £150 be made to all households in Bands E-H that were in receipt of Council Tax Support on 1st April, 2022; that a credit top up of £28 be applied to the Council Tax account of all households in Bands A-D that were in receipt of Council Tax Support on 1st April, 2022. In relation to households in Bands E-H the Chief Finance Officer has been granted with delegated authority to make payments to those households who would have been eligible for receipt of this Council Tax Support Scheme but had not applied for it yet and they have been given until 1st November, 2022 to do so.

- **Capital Programme – Provisional Outturn 2021/22**

We noted the provisional outturn position on the Council's Capital Programme for 2021/22 and approved the initial proposals for slippage in the programme from 2021/22 to 2022/23. A review was to be undertaken later in the year on the Council's priorities along with the re-profiling of the Council's Capital Programme.

- **Provisional Revenue Outturn 2021/22**

We noted the provisional outturn position on the Council's General Fund Revenue Budget for 2021/22; and approved the proposals for budget slippage over £189,040 from 2021/22 to 2022/23 (as set out in the report). We agreed that the £2.751m ring-fenced until further work had been done on the Statement of Accounts and future savings plans and that it be broken down:

£1.25m for energy costs; £0.5m for one off projects; £1m for general reserves.

- **Strategic Monitoring Report 1st April, 2021 to 31st March, 2022**

We noted the report.

- **Town Deal Business Case/Project Funding Approvals**

The Committee approved £3,463,952 of Towns Funding for the Accessible Nelson project and £2,321,149 of Towns Funding for the Healthy Town project with both subject to a number of conditions.

POLICY AND RESOURCES COMMITTEE 25th AUGUST, 2022

- **Kelbrook and Sough Neighbourhood Development Plan – Examiner’s Report and Referendum**

We accepted the Independent Examiner’s recommended modifications to the Kelbrook and Sough Neighbourhood Development Plan and agreed that the Plan, as modified, met the Basic Conditions and was compatible with EU obligations and human rights legislation. The Plan has proceeded to referendum

- **Annual Emissions Report**

We noted and approved the report.

- **Hackney Carriage Unmet Demand Survey**

Following consultation with the trade the Committee agreed that an unmet demand survey be carried out and the cost recovered from the hackney carriage proprietor licence fee over a 3 year period. A tender process with experienced consultants to carry out the survey was agreed. The proposed increase in the hackney carriage proprietor’s licence fee was to be advertised in accordance with S70 of the Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1976.

- **Taxis and Private Hire Vehicles (Safeguarding and Road Safety) Act 2022**

We adopted the Policy and agreed that the annual fee of £1,600 payable to the National Anti-Fraud Network be recovered from the hackney carriage, private hire driver and private hire operator licensing fees.

- **The Borough of Pendle (Pendle Rise Shopping Centre, Nelson) Compulsory Purchase Order 2022**

We agreed to compulsory purchase the Pendle Rise Shopping Centre.

- **Disabled Facilities Grant Policy**

We recommended Council approve the Policy.

- **Land at Ravenscroft Way, Barnoldswick**

The Committee accepted an offer of £18,000 for this land and it was agreed that it be disposed of on a 125 year lease with a covenant that the land can only be used for surface development (car park) with no buildings.

- **Proposed Designation of Gib Hill as a Local Nature Reserve**

We approved, in principle, to declare this site as a Local Nature Reserve. We requested officers to work with the Gib Hill Working Group to develop the draft declaration document, management plan and Constitution and submit it to Natural England. The Working Group were given authority to take on the role of management of the Local Nature Reserve. A further report would be submitted to the Policy and Resources Committee for the approval of the final declaration. The Environmental Services Manager would be submitting the necessary planning application.

- **Levelling Up Parks Fund Notification of Eligibility**

The Environmental Services Manager was granted authority to submit an opt-in form by the deadline of 5th September, 2022. Nelson, Brierfield and Reedley Committee, Colne and District Committee, Nelson Town Council and Colne Town Council have been invited to suggest areas within their neighbourhoods that would benefit most from a new or refurbished urban green space and the details would be submitted to the next meeting of the Policy and Resources Committee.

- **Provision of EV Charging Points on Wellhouse Road car park, Barnoldswick**

We agreed to pick this up as part of the wider project to install EV charging points which was part of the Council's Climate Emergency Declaration.

- **Land adjoining 54 Carleton Street, Nelson**

We agreed not to declare this land surplus to requirements and that it be retained as an open green space.

- **Land adjoining 44 Brunswick Street, Nelson**

We agreed not to declare this land surplus to requirements.

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